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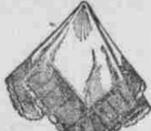
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JUDGE DUNN WINS.

A Decision by the Contest Court Headed Down To-day.

Special to Evening Herald. Pottsville, August 1.—The Contest Court in the matter of former Judge T. H. R. Lyon, of Mahanoy City, against Judge P. M. Dunn, of Minersville, which has been pending for almost four years, handed down a decision this afternoon, declaring that Judge Dunn was elected Judge of the Orphan's Court of this county in the fall of 1895 by 157 majority. At the time the official returns were made Judge Dunn was declared elected by 76 votes, but Judge Lyon, who was appointed to the bench of the court when it was created by the Legislature, claimed that errors and irregularities in the elections gave him a majority.

It is rumored that Judge Lyon will appeal from the decision.

The opinion of the court is a voluminous one, making three columns of nonpareil matter. In brief it announces the election of Judge Dunn by 157 majority, an increase of 81 on the majority returned by the Judge of Election, which was 76.

The court was composed of Judges Craig, of March Chunk; Rhogood, of Lebanon; and Little, of Bloomsburg, the latter succeeding the late Judge Ickler, who was President Judge of the court, by appointment by Governor Stone. The death of Judge Ickler delayed the decision for some time.

The filing of the court shows that Judge Lyon had 1,033 illegal votes and Judge Dunn 852 illegal votes.

The costs will amount to about \$35,500 divided as follows: Contest court expenses in 1896, \$11,191.49; in 1897, \$24,800.61; in 1898, \$6,543.51. The expenses for 1899, which have not been paid, are estimated at \$4,000; and it is estimated that the Judges will receive from the state for the period of their sitting \$12,000, making a total expense, in round numbers, of about \$68,544.61.

Musical Function. Mirth, music and a gathering of young folks constituted an evening of rare amusement in the parlors of the residence of J. J. Frayne, corner of Main and Oak streets, last evening. The gathering numbered about fifty guests, among them being many strangers who are spending their vacation among acquaintances in this vicinity. Besides the well rendered and much appreciated selections of the Schley orchestra, many vocal and instrumental selections were given. The classic solo entitled "Eternity," by Miss Maud O'Hara won the approbation of the audience. Miss Elmore Felton, of Boston, also favored the guests with several vocal selections.

A Driver Injured. Stacey Jekovack, a driver 16 years old, was caught between a car and a chute in the Suffolk colliery this morning and had his right arm and back severely squeezed. Three of his ribs were fractured and the vomiting blood indicates a rupture of a blood vessel in the right lung. Dr. Stein is attending the victim and says the injuries are serious. He was removed to his home on South Jardin street.

Volunteer Labor. To-morrow being an idle day at the collieries, a suggestion is offered by many of the players of local base ball teams to have the rosters assist them in leveling the diamond at the Trotting park. Several of the circus rings still remain in left field and a number of water pools are also scattered around within the distance covered by the fields. Anyone who will volunteer service will please call at Thomas Bennett's, on East Centre street, to-morrow morning.

Colliers Resumed. As announced in last evening's HERALD the Primrose and Packer No. 4 collieries resumed operations this morning, after an idleness of seven months. During the suspension these collieries have undergone extensive repairs. Both collieries employ one thousand hands. At the Packer No. 4 colliery this morning eighty cars of coal were hoisted.

Still Deadlocked. The West Mahanoy Township School Board again failed to elect teachers at a special meeting for that purpose last evening. Two members present were the Democrats. Two members who will volunteer had their names put on the building, but they failed to get in an appearance in the meeting room. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Saturday evening.

Plenies To-morrow. Owing to an order having been issued that the P. & R. C. & I. Co. collieries remain idle to-morrow (Wednesday), the Primitive Methodist Sunday school, of town, has changed its picnic at Lakeside to that day, instead of Friday, 4th inst.

The First Baptist, Welsh Congregational, Welsh Presbyterian and Chertsey Baptist Sunday schools of town, will hold their annual picnic at Lakeside to-morrow. The train will leave the P. & R. station at 8 a. m.

Now at Wm. Penn. Lewis Bird, for a number of years employed at the Richards colliery, near Mt. Carmel, has resigned his position to accept one at the Wm. Penn colliery. He will remove his family to the latter place in a few weeks.

Only Four Days. The first slump in the five-day schedule of the P. & R. C. & I. Co. collieries occurs this week. An order issued calls for the operation of the collieries on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in this district. Scarcity of cars is ascribed as the cause. Prospects for the rest of August are better.

Claims Distinction. John Sienkiewicz, a tailor in the First ward, is a second cousin of Henry Sienkiewicz, the famous Polish author who wrote "The Yodles" and many other successful works that have been translated into English and met with big sales.

Log Injured. Alfred Richards, driver for the Atlantic Refining Company, while alighting from his wagon at Maple Hill yesterday afternoon, slipped and broke a small bone in his left leg, a little above the ankle. He is being attended at his home by Dr. M. S. Kistler.

The Deputy Coronership. Four of our townsmen are mentioned in connection with the vacant Deputy Coronership, to succeed Dr. P. F. Burke, resigned. They are Dr. S. C. Spalding, Dr. M. S. Kistler, Dr. Christ Grubler and former Justice J. J. Cardin. Dr. Burke's resignation went into effect on Saturday, last, and Coroner Heller has the appointment still under advisement.

Granted a Pension. An original widow's pension of \$5.00 per month has been granted Mrs. Mary Ann Dando, of Shenandoah.

SHOT AT A CAMP FIRE!

Two Victims, But Neither Was Very Seriously Injured.

BOTH WERE SHOT IN THE HEAD

It Was With Difficulty That the Man Who Did the Shooting Was Prevented From Being Lynched—He Was Knocked Senseless by a Blow.

A drunken man with a shot gun in hand came very near winding up the camp fire of the G. A. R. at Fowler's grove, Yatesville, last night with a murder, and it was only grim determination on the part of the men who took the offense in charge that lynching was prevented, some of the crowd having become unduly bloodthirsty in their demonstrations against the prisoner.

The gun was in the hands of Joseph Weise, a German Pole who resides at Yatesville. He is 27 years old and has a wife and two children.

John Gaffigan, aged 21 years and residing with his father, Patrick Gaffigan, 318 West Lloyd street, and Edward Duwelling, a young man residing at Maple Hill, were wounded by some of the shot that was in the gun, but neither was very seriously injured, although it is said Gaffigan narrowly escaped having a part of his head blown off. Dr. Stein took five No. 7 shot from Gaffigan's scalp, on the left side of the head. Duwelling received some grains in the back of his head.

According to story related by some people who were at the grove, John Mullahy, a young man of town, was sitting on a bench in company with three young women when Weise came along and offered insults to the young women. Mullahy's orders for him to desist and go away were unheeded and finally the latter took leave of the young woman and told them to proceed to another part of the grove, where he would join them in a few minutes. It appears that Mullahy then turned his attention to Weise and gave him a severe beating. While this was going on Weise's brother, John, who is also a married man and resides at Yatesville, intervened to the scene to give his brother assistance. Mullahy then turned attack upon the brother and Weise, who was going on, Joseph hurried off declaring that he would shoot the man that beat him.

Meantime a large crowd had gathered about the scene of the fracas. A few minutes later Joseph Weise approached the crowd with shot gun in hand. It is alleged that his brother and the prisoner were surrounded and attempted to intercept, but Joseph continued his approach to the crowd, continuing his threats. As he reached the place, it is alleged, Linkhursht approached from the rear and threw his arms about Joseph's shoulders, to prevent him from using the gun. In the confusion that followed Weise was discharged and Gaffigan and Duwelling were injured.

A turbulent scene followed, during which George Holvey made Joseph Weise a prisoner and, with the assistance of others, got him off the grounds. Holvey says several in the crowd seemed determined to have a lynching, and some called to have the prisoner cast upon one of the bon fires that afforded illumination for the grove and its approaches. Arriving at the electric railway station Holvey found there would be no west-bound car for some time and the prisoner was arranged to accompany him to the station. He was discharged and Gaffigan and Duwelling were injured.

Among the witnesses examined before the Justice was Gaffigan's father, who said he did not think his son was very seriously injured. The report was a Hun, and then assaulted him. Her husband ran to the rescue and was beaten by the same man. Joseph then ran home and came back with the shot gun, which was discharged during a struggle and John Linkhursht took the gun from the prisoner.

Justice Toomey said he would not bother taking further evidence and committed the prisoner in default of \$1,000 bail.

State Delegate Election. The Republican district convention, for the election of one delegate to the forthcoming state convention, will be held in Robbins' hall, this town, on Saturday morning. There are three candidates, Paul Hauck and Samuel Davis, of town, and Dr. Brecker, of Mahanoy City. It is unfortunate that Shenandoah should have two candidates, and if possible they should pool their issues.

Cream puts on ice all summer at George Scheider's bakery, 23 East Coal street.

Six Per Cent. Below. The rate of wages to be paid the employees of the P. & R. C. & I. Co. collieries for the last half of July and the first half of August will be six per cent. below the \$2.50 basis. This is two per cent. more than last time.

Elected a Director. Councilman William Neiswender was yesterday elected a director of the First National Bank of town, Congressman Leisenring, of Luzerne county, having declined to qualify.

Umbrellas re-covered while you wait at Brumm's.

COUNCIL MEETING.

Proposed Changes in the Electric Railway Discussed.

A special meeting of the Borough Council was held last evening, upon the call of the street committee, upon the proposition that a report would be submitted on the street paving project, but when the Council assembled the report proved to be a request from Manager Ash, of the Schuylkill Traction Company, for permission to make changes in the company's line.

The Councilmen in attendance were Messrs. McGuire, Conkley, Boehm, Neiswender, James, Straughn, Bell, Harkins, Hand and Tracey.

Mr. Conkley, of the street committee, reported that, in accordance with the resolution adopted at the last meeting of Council, he and Mr. Harkins called upon Mr. Ash and the latter stated that he would like to bring about an amicable settlement on other matters the borough proposed, although he would be obliged to lay the matter before the Board of Directors before giving a definite answer.

Considerable discussion followed, during which it was stated that the borough had no power to prevent the company from making repairs and improvements to its line, and finally it was decided that the secretary be instructed to communicate with the Schuylkill Traction Company and inform them that the borough granted permission to remove the present rails and struts and replace them with stiles and heavier rails with shoes.

Mr. Tracey moved that the secretary be instructed to write to Mr. Ash and state that the borough will pave two squares on East Centre street and desires the Lakeside Railway company to give assurance in writing that it will pay its share. If it fails to do so, the borough will tear out its tracks and not allow them to be replaced until the condition is complied with.

Mr. James raised a point of order that the motion was improper, inasmuch as there is an ordinance providing that should the company fail to pave its tracks, it is required to do so, the borough can do the work and collect the cost, which is to be proceedings in court. The point of order was sustained by President McGuire.

The Paving. Contractor Britt had all preparations made to begin the work of excavation and re-setting curbs, preparatory to paving North Main street, and expected to begin work today. The street committee, however, put their heads together last evening and came to the decision that it would be better to begin work on East Centre street, in the First ward. They give as a reason for this change that there is no definite understanding between the Traction Company and the borough officials as to what the former proposes going in reference to repaving their tracks on Main street. Mr. Britt must first secure blue prints from the engineer before he can begin operations in the First ward. He expects, however, to begin work this week.

Notice to Water Consumers. Beginning this (Tuesday) evening, August 1st, the water will be shut off at 7 p. m., and remain off until 6 a. m.; to be shut off at 9 a. m. and turned on at 3 p. m. This schedule is brought about from the fact that the supply of the old water company has become diminished to such an extent that they cannot longer supply the borough, as they have given seventy days' supply to date. The above will remain in force as long as the dry spell continues.

THOS. TRACEY, Chairman, JOSEPH BELL, JOSEPH BELL, C. J. STRAUGHN, J. P. BOEHM, PATRICK HAND, Committee.

Farwell Party. Miss Hannah Collins left town to-day for Philadelphia, where she intends to remain. Last evening a number of friends gave a farewell party at the residence of her parents, on South Jardin street. There were games, vocal and instrumental music and refreshments, the whole making the evening a very pleasant one. Those present were: Miss Fanny Weeks, Bertha Klotz, Gusie Hagenbuch, Hettie Klotz, Marie Richards, Bessie Phillips, Edith Woods, Mame Richards, May Dunto, Hannah Collins and Messrs. Samuel Perkins, Robert Davis, John A. Brown, William Sharracks, James Ringler, Henry Carbal, Benjamin Jones, Thomas Woods, James Davis, Thomas Doyle, William Lee and William Collins.

All bicycle sundries sold at profitable prices to the buyer for this month. Buy now and save money in the future. Orkin's jewelry store, 7 South Main street.

Lively Runaway. At about eleven o'clock last night some excitement was caused on East Centre street by a pair of runaway horses coming at breakneck speed from the direction of the Indian Edge bridge. They were minus a vehicle and only had the tongue belonging to a cab attached to the harness. The horse belonged to a man named Kupatita, of the First ward, who had placed them in care of a strange man, who claimed to be an expert driver. While returning from Mahanoy City, and when near Indian Edge bridge, the horses broke loose from the cab. When they reached the corner of Centre and Emerick streets they ran against a telegraph post, a horse on each side of the post, and were captured. The mail box on the post was broken from its fastenings and smashed. None of the occupants of the cab were hurt.

BRECKMAN'S PILLS for stomach and liver ills.

Evidently a Swindler. Last Thursday a man called upon one of the servant girls at the Ferguson Home and stated that he had been recommended to her as a likely pupil to take lessons in making wax flowers. The girl assented to the proposition, upon the assurance that as soon as she became able to make the flowers the man would provide her with plenty work. She was told, however, that moulds were necessary, and she would be obliged to purchase a set, paying \$1.50 in advance. The girl paid the money and the stranger left, promising to deliver the moulds the next day. He has not been seen since, nor have the moulds arrived.

But One Recruit. Business at the Hazleton recruiting office has taken another slump, and for the past few days there were but very few applicants. Thomas J. Fox, of Shenandoah, was the only one secured yesterday.

Joseph Deman and William Prosser, of Shenandoah, who were accepted last week, were sworn in and left Hazleton this morning for Camp Meade.

Burdock Blood Bitters gives a man a clear head, an active brain, a strong, vigorous body—makes him fit for the battle of life.

ALGER'S STATEMENT

The Retiring War Secretary Defends His Administration.

AN ANSWER TO HIS CRITICS.

Denies the Charges That Officers For the Volunteer Army Were Selected Through Political Influence and Asks That His Accounts Be Made Public.

Washington, Aug. 1.—One of the last official acts of Secretary Alger, who today relinquished his portfolio, was to prepare a statement covering several matters regarding the conduct of the war which have been the subject of criticism in the public press, particularly with reference to the appointment of staff officers in the volunteer army. The statement follows:

"I am led to make the following statement on account of the many criticisms which have been made by the public press, and especially on account of a recent article which appeared in the London Times containing assertions which have no foundation of truth.

"At the commencement of the war with Spain, and for several years prior to that time, the regular army consisted of only 25,000 men, with the minimum number of officers prescribed by law. The situation can be partially appreciated when it is remembered that within 60 days from the declaration of war the strength of the army was increased to 275,000 men, and everything for the equipment of this great force, including clothing, tents, transportation, medical supplies, camps and camp equipment, and all that pertains to equipping an army for service, had to be manufactured, transported and distributed for use.

"From the statement referred to the public might be led to believe that the volunteer army was officered by men selected through political influences by the secretary of war by special favor, and without any regard for fitness for the duties they were to perform. As is well known, the volunteer forces, with the exception of three regiments of engineers, three regiments of cavalry and ten regiments of Immune Infantry, were made up of officers from various states, the regiments of which were all appointed exclusively by the governors of the respective states from which the regiments came, and any officer found unfit for service and discharged was replaced by another in the same manner. The president had no voice or control in the matter.

"For a little over a thousand appointments made by the president the number of applications was over 25,000, and each application was accompanied by a certificate of his ability. Of the number appointed, there were 26 major generals, of whom 19 were taken from the regular army and seven from civil life. Of these seven all but one were graduates of West Point military academy, and all had distinguished themselves in command during the civil war. Of brigadier generals there were 102 appointed, 86 from the regular army and 16 from civil life. Those from civil life had all seen service during the civil war or on our western frontier, and all had proven themselves competent to command.

"It has been stated, and repeated many times, that the secretary of war made these appointments, when the truth is that very few were made upon his recommendation. I would be only too glad to have had the honor to have made these appointments. No matter, no more loyal or more patriotic men as a whole ever served their country, and their appointments were a credit not only to the appointing power, but to the country they served.

"Criticism as to the amounts and methods of expenditures which could imply the wrong or careless use of money were also made by the London Times. This charge is false. So far as the conduct of the service was concerned no person with any knowledge of the facts can ever charge truthfully, and no one can ever show that a dollar was misappropriated, stolen or embezzled out of the hundreds of millions of dollars that were expended. The records are an open book, and I will be glad to have them rigidly examined and ask my successor to open those accounts to the country whenever properly called for. In order that the entire truth may be known."

One Bay Horse For Sale, Cheap. Good roadster and driver. Well worth its purchase. Apply at Carl's meat market.

Pension For Penney Employees. Philadelphia, Aug. 1.—A prominent official of the Pennsylvania Railroad company stated today that after several years' consideration a conclusion has practically been reached as to the creation of a pension and superannuation fund for the benefit of the employees of that company. It is understood that 70 years of age has been fixed upon as the age for compulsory retirement, and that employees who have been 30 years in the service, but have not attained that age, will be entitled to the benefits of the fund. The pension allowance will be based upon length of service and the average wages received by the employee during such service.

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New Rules for Valley Men. Beginning with to-day a number of new rules went into effect governing the employees of the Lehigh Valley railroad. The most important is one designating twelve hours and thirty minutes as a day's work. Under the old rules 10 hours constituted a day's work. Engineers and firemen working over the specified time are paid extra.

FREE LUNCHEONS TO-NIGHT. RICKERT'S. Potato salad and liver to-night. Bean soup to-morrow morning.

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